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**Peterborough**

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**To:** Members of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee (ACHAC)

**From:** Erik Hanson, Heritage Resources Coordinator

**Meeting Date:** September 8, 2016

**Subject:** Report ACHAC16-042  
Heritage Preservation Office Report

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## **Purpose**

A report to advise the ACHAC on the monthly activities of the Heritage Preservation Office (HPO) for June, July and August, 2016.

## **Recommendation**

That the Peterborough Arts, Culture and Heritage Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report ACHAC16-042, dated September 8, 2016 of the Heritage Resources Coordinator, as follows:

That the report with respect to the activities of the Heritage Preservation Office for June, July, and August, 2016 be received for information.

## **Budget and Financial Implications**

There are no budgetary or financial implications associated with the recommendation.

## **Background**

### **Peterborough Pulse**

In July, 2015 the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) participated in Peterborough's first open streets event, Pulse. This year, Peterborough Green Up organized a Pulse event for Saturday, July 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with the closure of George Street between Parkhill Road and Sherbrooke Street. The PACAC participated in the event by hosting a display in front of City Hall on George Street and several members of the committee volunteered their time to assist with this event. Questions and comments from visitors to the PACAC display covered Doors Open, designation, restoration of downtown buildings, and the role of PACAC in the community.

### **Young Canada Works**

The Heritage Communications Officer has completed the process of having the City's collection of Vernon's city directories digitized, in order to make them accessible online for historical research. The project has generated interest both locally and further afield.

The task of photographing all designated heritage properties to create a uniform collection of reference images for the HPO has also been completed by the Heritage Communications Officer. As a part of this project, she also provided assistance with the Heritage Property Tax Relief Program inspections undertaken annually by the Heritage Preservation Office.

The adoption of the Plan for The Avenues and Neighbourhood Heritage Conservation District by City Council on June 27, 2016 contributed to the imminent need for a clearly articulated heritage permit application process. The Heritage Communications Officer assisted with the preparation of material for both internal and external elements of this process through the creation of a series of heritage permit flow charts and editing and further development of a Heritage Toolkit for the public.

### **Bethune Street Flood Diversion Project**

Staff met on August 12, 2016 to review the 50% completion stage of the proposed streetscape design for Bethune St. A preferred alternative has been arrived at and details for the street cross-section are being finalized. Staff will meet on September 1, 2016 to review the 75% completion stage which will include the land-use planning recommendations.

A special meeting for all City advisory committees will be held on Thursday, September 22nd at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers to hear a presentation and provide comment on the Bethune Street project. More information, as well as an agenda, will be circulated closer to the date of the meeting.

### **Martha Kidd Commemoration**

The sub-committee tasked with developing a suitable project to commemorate the contributions of Martha Kidd to the preservation and promotion of heritage in Peterborough, met on June 22 and again on July 14, 2016. The period between meetings was used to gather information on holdings pertaining to Martha Kidd at the Peterborough Museum and Archives, Trent Valley Archives, and the Trent University Archives. At its meeting of July 14, the sub-committee discussed the need to develop a clear set of parameters to guide the selection of material from these holdings for digitization and to determine the intended outcomes and costs associated with a project of this nature. The sub-committee will meet again in the Fall to determine next steps.

### **National Trust for Canada 2016 Conference**

The annual Conference of the National Trust for Canada, “Heritage Rising”, will take place in Hamilton, Ontario from October 20-22, 2016.

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